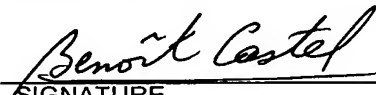


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |   | Attorney Docket No.<br><b>6502-1045</b><br>U.S. Application No.<br><b>10/524428</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br><b>PCT/ZA03/00109</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>August 14, 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>August 15, 2002</b>                                     |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>METHOD OF PRODUCING A HYDRAULIC BINDER OR THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINING PRODUCT</b>  |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Michael Windsor SYMONS</b>   |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).<br/>The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). ))</li> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |   |   |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b><u>Please note that the Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of the U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17 (iv) was filed in the International Phase, see the published application. International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210), Abstract of the Disclosure</u></b></li> </ol>  |   |   |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b></p>   |  |  |                   | <b>CALCULATIONS</b><br><b>PTO USE ONLY</b> |        |
| <u>Fee Description</u>  |  |  |                   |  |        |
| Basic National Stage Fee  |  |  |                   | \$150.00                                   |        |
| Non ISA/US Search Provided      National Stage Search Fee   |  |  |                   | \$200.00                                   |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)      National Stage Examination Fee  |  |  |                   | \$100.00                                   |        |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)   |  |  |                   | \$0.00                                     |        |
| National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100<br><br>Fee Code 1681/2681  |  | Additional Sheets<br>- 100 =      =      X<br>50 |                   | Fee From Below<br><u>\$125.00</u>          | \$0.00 |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>   |  | NUMBER FILED<br>1 - 3 =                          | NUMBER EXTRA<br>0 | RATE<br>x \$100.00                         | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims    Fee Codes 1614 / 2614   |  | 11 - 20 =  | 0                 | x \$25.00                                  | \$0.00 |
| Total Claims      Fee Codes 1615 / 2615   |  |  |                   | + \$360.00                                 | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616  |  |  |                   |  |        |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618  |  |  |                   | \$0.00                                     |        |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021)<br>\$40.00 per property      +  |  |  |                   | \$40.00                                    |        |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED      =</b>   |  |  |                   | <b>\$ 490.00</b>                           |        |
|   |  |  |                   | Amount to be refunded:                     | \$     |
|   |  |  |                   | Charged:                                   | \$     |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$ 490.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young &amp; Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> <p><br/>           _____<br/>           SIGNATURE</p> <p>Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041<br/>           _____<br/>           NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER</p> <p>February 15, 2005<br/>           _____<br/>           DATE</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br/>           YOUNG &amp; THOMPSON<br/>           745 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street<br/>           Arlington, VA 22202<br/>           Telephone: (703) 521-2297<br/>           Facsimile: (703) 685-0573</p> <p>Y&amp;T Customer No. <b>00466</b><br/>           BC/ia</p> </div> |  |  |                   |  |        |